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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, SY, SA

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRINCE FAHD: LEBANESE SITUATION

REF (A) STATE 81261, (B) JIDDA 2460

1. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, MFA'S UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PRESENTED AMBASSADOR PORTER WITH PRINCE FAHD'S REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (REF A). PRINCE FAHD'S REPLY DATED APRIL 6; EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE

I THANK HIS EXCELLENCY, SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER FOR HIS CONCERN IN KEEPING ME INFORMED OF THE IMPORT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO IT. I NOTE FURTHERMORE WITH PLEASURE HIS EXCELLENCY'S AFFIRMATION THAT THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN NAVAL UNITS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN DOES NOT SIGNIFY U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF LEBANON. I ESTEEM HIS EXCELLENCY'S CONCERN ALSO IN INFORMING ME ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE CONTACTS WHICH AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN IS CONDUCTING IN LEBANON. I HOPE THESE CONTACTS WILL HAVE

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POSITIVE RESULTS.

THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT PERCEIVES THAT THE SITUATION IS DANGEROUS AND COMPLICATED. (THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT) CALLED, AND CONTINUES TO CALL ALL PARTIES TO COMPORT THEMSELVES WITH WISDOM AND SELF-CONTROL. THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE SITUATION NOW REQUIRES INTENSIFIED RESULTS TO AFFIRM THE CEASE FIRE AND TO FREEZE THE CONFLICT; (THIS) WOULD GIVE THE CONFLICTING SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH THEIR BREATH AND WOULD PREPARE A SUITABLE CLIMATE FOR THE SAG TO PURSUE ITS MEDIATION--WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTABLE COMMON DENOMINATOR IN THE OPINION OF THE WARRING PARTIES, AND WHICH AIMS AT FINDING A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS THAT WOULD HELP TO BRING STABILITY BACK TO LEBANON, SAFEGUARD ITS UNITY, INDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY.

IN SO FAR AS THE SITUATION IN LEBANON IS DANGEROUS AND COMPLICATED, THE TALK ABOUT ISRAELI INTERVENTION RAISES THE SITUATION TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS AND COMPLICATION. (SUCH TALK) CARRIES WITH IT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN EXPLOSION, AND UNDOES ALL OTHER COUNCILS AVOCATING WISDOM, SELF-CONTROL, AND LIMITATION OF THE CONFLICT.

THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT ANY ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN LEBANON WOULD LEAD TO DISASTROUS RESULTS EXTENDING BEYOND THE LEBANESE STAGE TO A BROADER AND MORE INCLUSIVE CONTEXT. ALSO, AS YOUR EXCELLENCY KNOWS SUCH INTERVENTION WOULD UNDO ALL OF THE EXHAUSTING EFFORTS WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND YOUR EXCELLENCY PERSONALLY HAVE EXERTED TO RENDER THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE REGION RECEPTIVE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS FULLY CONFIDENT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PERCEIVES WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ISRAELI INTERVENTION WOULD BE; IT IS LIKEWISE  
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CONFIDENT OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO RESTRAIN ISRAEL'S ARDOR, AND TO PREVENT IT FROM EMBARKING ON ANY MILITARY ADVENTURE THAT WOULD GIVE THE SOVIET UNION RENEWED INFLUENCE IN THE REGION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INTERESTS OF AMERICA ITSELF, AND AT THE EXPENSE OF ALL MODERATE FORCES.  
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FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD  
CROWN PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA  
RIYADH ON 7 RABI'AL-THANI 1396AH  
CORRESPONDING TO APRIL 6, 1976. END QUOTE

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